

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-11: Canceled.

Claims 12-26: Canceled.

27. (Currently Amended) A plurality of micron-size solid particles, comprising at least one polyamide compound, wherein the particles consist of a diameter of less than about 4 microns, and wherein the at least one polyamide compound comprises a nylon compound, and wherein the solid particles are formed independently of any film or matrix.
28. (Original) The plurality of particles of claim 27, wherein the at least one polyamide compound comprises a -CONH functional group.
29. Canceled.
30. (Previously Presented) The plurality of particles of claim 27, wherein the nylon compound comprises nylon 6.
31. (Original) The plurality of particles of claim 27, wherein the particles comprise a diameter of less than about 2 microns.
32. (Original) The plurality of particles of claim 27, wherein at least about 40% of the particles are substantially transparent.
33. (Original) The plurality of particles of claim 32, wherein at least about 60% of the particles are substantially transparent.
34. (Original) The plurality of particles of claim 33, wherein at least about 80% of the particles are substantially transparent.
35. (Original) The plurality of particles of claim 27, wherein at least some of the transparent particles comprise at least one inert nucleating particle.
36. (Original) The plurality of particles of claim 35, wherein the at least one inert particle comprises at least one alumina-silicate compound.

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37. (Original) The plurality of particles of claim 35, wherein the at least one inert particle comprises at least one color pigment.

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